(ii) Total pesticide residues 0.0005 mg/litre
(The analysis shall be conducted by using Internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified herein above)";

(iii) The manufacturers of Packaged Drinking Water and Mineral Water shall produce a No Objection Certificate from Central Govt./State Govt. Ground Water Authority for obtaining licence from BIS and PFA Authorities.

Upgradation of Medical Colleges in H.P.

1145. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade Government Medical Colleges in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the names of Government Medical Colleges proposed to be upgraded in the State;

(c) whether Government propose to open more Medical Allopathic/ Ayurvedic Colleges in the State; and

(d) if so, the amount proposed to be spent for improving health infrastructure in such colleges in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) A proposal was received from Government of Himachal Pradesh seeking financial assistance for strengthening of diagnostic facilities in Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla. The proposal was examined in the Ministry of Health and it has been decided in principle to provide Rs. 150.00 lakhs to Government of Himachal Pradesh under the scheme of providing financial assistance to the States/Union Territories for strengthening of diagnostic facilities in Government Medical Colleges. The funds will be released in due course subject to availability. Further, the Central Government have also provided grant in aid to Himachal Pradesh Government Institute of P.G. Education and Research in Ayurveda, Paprola for upgrading three Under Graduate Departments namely (1) Kayachikitisa (2) Shalya Tantra and (3) Shalakya Tantra, for P.G. Teaching under the scheme of upgradation of U.G. Departments for P.G. Research and Training Departments.

(c) The Central Government have no such proposal.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

HIV/AIDS in the Country

1146. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India ranks with estimated 3.97 million next to South Africa in the total number of people living with HIV/AIDS in the world;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto alongwith the number of AIDS cases increased during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are spending crores of rupees for the AIDS awareness campaign all over the country; and

(d) if so, how far these awareness campaign helped in containing this most dreaded disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

India ranks second to South Africa in the total number of people living with HIV/AIDS. The overall prevalence rate of HIV infection is 0.8% in adult age group 15-49 years, as compared to 20.1% in South Africa. Because of the population size, even a small increase in prevalence rate generates large numbers of total HIV infections.

However, the nationwide HIV sentinel surveillance conducted by National AIDS Control Organisation reveals that the HIV infection is confined not only to high risk populations like commercial sex workers, injecting drug users and men having sex with men, but that the spread of HIV has percolated into the general population and is spreading from urban to rural areas. A statement indicating state-wise reported AIDS cases during the last three years is annexed. (*see* below)

The annual budget allocation for the AIDS awareness campaign during year 2002-2003 is Rs. 32 crores of which Rs. 20.5 crores is for activities assigned to the states and UTs and Rs. 11.5 crores is spent by the National AIDS Contro' Organisation.